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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2009, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on December 2, 2009 for which the deadline for filing an appeal brief is July 2, 2010, with a five-month extension of time hereby requested. The Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and further request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth herein and re-examined in accordance with the following remarks.

A **Claim Listing** is provided for the Examiner's reference on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.